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Ms. Jane Henney, Commissioner
FDA
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061 (EFA-305)
Rockville MD 20852

RE: Docket No. OOP-1211/CP 1
Genetic Engineering

Dear Ms. Henney:

I am writing to express my deep concern about genetically modified foods. From reading I have done (Rachel's Environment and Health Weekly; World Watch Magazine) and websites I have visited (www.purefood.org; www.ucsusa.org). I am persuaded that this new science has not been adequately researched or tested.

I am old enough to remember DDT; I have worked in third world countries that continued into the 1980s to advertise chemicals as being "As Safe As DDT." The residue of DDT remains in our soils even after decades of its being banned in this country.

One concern expressed over and over again is, this "new scientific engineering," once released, cannot be recalled. I have no confidence that its unknown consequences can be recalled, undone, or easily rectified.

As a consumer of food products, I strongly urge that you have food labelled when it contains genetically modified ingredients. Consumers have a right to know what we are ingesting.

In summary, I am requesting that genetically engineered/GM ingredients in foods be identified in food-labelling. And that extensive research on this new science be conducted in neutral laboratories before the products are dispersed into the environment.

Sincerely yours,

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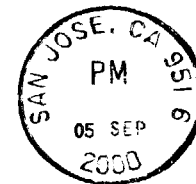
P.S. Please inform me of the actions you are taking.

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